

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"ACHILLES"
are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after August 23rd.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after Aug. 23rd, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before Sept. 11th, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, August 23rd, 1920. [1368]

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S.S. WEST HIKI VOY. 2-OUT
FROM LOS ANGELES, via HONOLULU,
JAPAN PORTS and SHANGHAI

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Godown and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Company, Limited, at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be counter-signed.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after Aug. 23rd, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Compasses are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature immediately.

LOS ANGELES PACIFIC NAVIGATION COMPANY.

As Operators, U.S. Shipping Board, Hongkong, August 23rd, 1920. [1370]

WANTED

AN ELECTRICAL or MARINE ENGINEER is required as a Shift Engineer at the Generating Station of the HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD., North Point. Apply in writing accompanied by details of experience and copies of testimonials to the Manager.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD., 81, George Street, [1354]

WANTED

WANTED position by an experienced Export man, who is also well acquainted with Pisco and General Import. Able to correspond in the most important commercial languages: perfect knowledge of Chinese. Can bring good foreign connections. No objection to emigrate.

Apply Box 1255, Care of "Daily Press" Office. [1355]

G. R. FOR SALE

THE Twin Screw Single Ladder Steam Hopper Dredger

now moored at Hongkong Harbour. Length 125 feet, beam 33 feet, depth 15 feet, draft 10 feet 6 inches, loaded 12 feet 8 inches. Depth to which buckets will dredge, 40 feet. Capacity of Hopper, 450 cubic yards.

Out discharge over the side at 1 foot 6 inches above water level.

For further particulars apply to A. H. HOLLINGSWORTH, Director of Public Works, Harbour Works Office, Hongkong, August 23rd, 1920. [1360]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENTS of the "Wanted" variety will be inserted under the above special heading at a charge of \$1.00 FOR THREE INSERTIONS if they do not exceed 25 words in number and are PREPAID.

An additional charge of 50 cents will be made if the instructions for insertion are not accompanied by cash.

Advertisers requiring their advertisements under this head must give instructions accordingly, otherwise the advertisements will be regarded as intended to be displayed and charged at the usual rates.

Letters are lying at this Office for: Bore P. Q. AD. AK

WANTED

Young Englishman desires to live with a European family in hill district. Apply to Box AN, Daily Press Office. [48]

WANTED

Two Britishers desire Board and Lodgings from 1st October. Kowloon district preferred. Apply Box AO, Daily Press Office. [49]

FOR SALE

Thoroughbred Pointer PUP well bred Bock and other varieties, color, pedigree, and bone at reasonable price. Apply Box AP, Daily Press Office. [50]

FOR SALE

"ABERGELDIE" 198. The Peak. Apply 135, The Peak. [57]

CANTON

MESSES. ALEX. ROSS & CO., beg to announce that on August 23rd, they will establish a BRANCH OFFICE of their Machinery and Motor Business in Canton, at the following address: Mission Buildings, Chinese Road, Hongkong, August 17th, 1920. [1349]

NOTICE

PALATINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. The Agency for this Company, held by Messrs. HARRISON, HODGSON & CO., Ltd., has this day been withdrawn and the relative Power of Attorney cancelled.

For PALATINE INSURANCE CO., LTD., COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO., LTD., G. H. ELLIOTT, Local Manager, Hongkong, August 11th, 1920. [1352]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1) per Share for Account 1920, will be payable on WEDNESDAY, 25th August 1920. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, 25, George Street, Hongkong. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 21st August, 1920, to WEDNESDAY, 25th August, 1920, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers, Hongkong, August 10th, 1920. [1353]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

THE CERTIFICATE No. 1004 for one silver share No. 100 now converted into 5 gold shares in this Society standing in the name of GEORGE, BARON ALANZON de ALANZON has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming the said certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a certificate for the 5 gold shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER, for General Manager, Hongkong, August 14th, 1920. [1356]

FOR SALE

NEW and COMPLETE PLANT including Willey Table for crushing and separating Ore. Just arrived. For particulars apply to OAKLEY & COMPANY, Machinery Department. [895]

FOR SALE

NO. 1 STEWART TERRACE, 27, The Peak. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD., Alexandra Buildings. [1351]

VISITORS TO CANTON

Should Purchase BY THE PEAK RIVER CAPTAIN C. V. LLOYD

With Illustrations, Maps and Plans. PRICE 50 CENTS. Apply to "Daily Press" Office, HONGKONG, 23, GEORGE STREET, LTD. [1351]

WATSON'S

effervescing

LIVER SALTS

taken in the morning will quickly

relieve that slight derangement

and impart a feeling of health,

vigour and exhilaration.

A pleasant, refreshing and

cooling drink.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

TELEPHONE 16.

MARRIAGE.

ELLIOTT-PROCKY.—On the 21st August, at the Peak Church, Hongkong, by Rev. Canon, Mr. G. C. PROCKY, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. G. ELLIOTT, of Wandsworth Common, London S.W., to ADA MARIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PEGG, of Peckham, London. [1350]

DEATH.

LIGHTBURN.—On July 11th, at Eastbourne, the wife of W. E. LIGHTBURN, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.) Ltd., Hongkong. [1350]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Souza and family desire to express sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement also for the beautiful wreaths and the attendance of so many friends at the funeral. [1357]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOGES RD., LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press

Hongkong, August 24th, 1920.

THE ARABS IN REVOLT

Reuter's message regarding Mesopotamia reveals a wide-spread revolt of the Arabs. This is, however, no sudden outbreak, ever since the Arabs have realised that their dream of an independent Arab State was impossible of fulfilment they have been engaged in a struggle to bring about the independence of the country.

The present unfortunate situation would never have arisen had there been a little less of diplomacy and a little more of plain speaking. Unhappily, also, our gallant Allies, the French, exhibited rather undue haste and impatience in pressing their claims in Syria, which furnished the Arab Sinn Feiners with an opportunity of inflaming Arab prejudices. The Arabs, in their turn, made little or no attempt to settle their disputes by arbitration. A proud people they refused to appear in the role of a suppliant nation. The doings of the tribesmen in Mesopotamia will, however, result in disaster to the cause which the Arabs have at heart. Many of the Shinkas are holding aloof, and even if the tribesmen have been encouraged by the success of their guerrilla tactics, they must in the end be defeated. Pacification of the country by military force, however, is not likely to help in the consolidation of the work so happily begun of redeeming the country. 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This was a contingency which the Supreme Council did not provide for when allotting the mandates. Obviously, in the case of the Arabs, as Emir Faisal said the other day in the House of Commons, it is absurd to treat them as a semi-barbarous people. That this treatment, if persisted in, is likely to create untold troubles has been made abundantly clear in Mesopotamia. Military operations have been in progress there during practically the whole of last month. The Arabs had then captured or detailed six trains between Samawah and Diwaniyah, and wrecked many of the Government buildings at Ramatha, had on the arrival of a company of Indian infantry at Ramatha, which had no British garrison till then, the tribesmen had torped their attention to cutting the railway above Diwaniyah and between Bagdad and Basra, at the same time inflicting heavy casualties both on the Indian Company at Ramatha and on the detachment sent in relief. The conditions in the Shamiyah and the Nasiriyah districts were then reported to be delicate, and Mr. CATZBACH had intimated that he had found it necessary to ask the Indian Government to wait in case of emergency, a further force for despatch. While, militarily, we have been prepared for the spread of the revolt, one cannot look with equanimity upon the consequences of an expensive and extensive campaign in the region which is as aptly described by the Arabs at this time of the year "The Mouth of Hell". The lowness of the water in the Euphrates and the scorching heat render the tasks of maintaining communications and supplies full of difficulties. There is, however, no question of drawing back from the position of the mandatory Power in the country, and the mandate must be carried by force, if necessary. The present unfortunate situation would never have arisen had there been a little less of diplomacy and a little more of plain speaking. Unhappily, also, our gallant Allies, the French, exhibited rather undue haste and impatience in pressing their claims in Syria, which furnished the Arab Sinn Feiners with an opportunity of inflaming Arab prejudices. The Arabs, in their turn, made little or no attempt to settle their disputes by arbitration. A proud people they refused to appear in the role of a suppliant nation. The doings of the tribesmen in Mesopotamia will, however, result in disaster to the cause which the Arabs have at heart. Many of the Shinkas are holding aloof, and even if the tribesmen have been encouraged by the success of their guerrilla tactics, they must in the end be defeated. Pacification of the country by military force, however, is not likely to help in the consolidation of the work so happily begun of redeeming the country. Unhappily, as is the attitude of the Arabs, it should not be an impossible task for the diplomacy of Europe to mediate these wishes. 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POLISH CRISIS

ALLEGED AMERICAN SYMPATHY WITH FRENCH

PARIS, August 20th.

The *Matin* understands that the American Ambassador visited the Foreign Office to express the American Government's satisfaction at the French Government's attitude towards Poland.

The *Matin* states that two French cruizers which have gone to Danzig to supervise the landing of foodstuffs for Poland will shortly be joined by an American cruiser which is now on its way.

BELGIAN FIRMS SENDING MUNITIONS

BRUSSELS, August 20th.

The *Independant* Belge says that notwithstanding the Trade Union measures, Antwerp firms are loading for Poland substantial quantities of munitions which the Americans sent from the Rhine and these are being shipped by an American steamer.

IRON ORE EXPORTS

FORBIDDEN BY FRANCE

BRUSSELS, August 20th.

The *Libre Belgique* says that France has prohibited the exportation of iron ore to Belgium.

CITY OF THE DEAD

FRENCH OFFICERS' DESCRIPTION OF ODESSA

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 20th.

A French warship has returned from a visit to Odessa where it secured the release of two French merchantmen after extreme threats. The officers report that Odessa is like a dead city. There are only four smoking chimneys in the whole town.

MEXICO

BRITISH SUBJECT CAPTURED BY BANDITS

MEXICO, August 20th.

Bandits, under the leadership of Zamora, raided Autlan, south-west of Mexico, and captured Mr. Herbert Johnson, a British ranchowner. They are demanding 100,000 pesos as ransom. The authorities are energetically seeking to secure Mr. Johnson's release.

NEW GOVERNOR OF LOWER CALIFORNIA

NEW YORK, August 19th.

A message from Mexico City states Cantu has announced that Salar has succeeded him as Governor of the Northern District of Lower California.

RUINS OF RHEIMS. VISIT BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PARIS, August 19th.

Three hundred Knights of Columbus, who have come to France to present a statue of Lafayette to Mr. Laidlaw, visited the ruins of Rheims.

Mr. Millard, presiding at a lunch paid a tribute to the Americans who fell before Frenchmen defending the cause of liberty and right.

SWEDISH ELECTION. LIBERALS REFUSE TO JOIN HANDS WITH CONSERVATIVES

STOCKHOLM, August 20th.

The Liberals have declined the Conservatives offer to co-operate on a common platform against the Socialists in the coming Riksdag elections believing that it will tend to weld the various Socialist groups.

NEW AERIAL ROUTE. MOST NORTHERLY SERVICE

LONDON, August 20th.

The most northerly aerial route in the world was inaugurated between Paris and Stockholm by the British airline, Croydon-Helsingor.

GERMAN LABOUR TROUBLES

HAMBURG SHEDYARDS CLOSE DOWN

HAMBURG, August 20th.

The *Blatt* and *Volksrecht* have closed down indefinitely, owing to labour troubles.

PREMIER'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT BY AMERICAN JOURNAL

OTTAWA, August 19th.

Considerable interest has been aroused here by the statement in the *New York World* that Mr. Lloyd George visits America in October to meet the Premier of the British Dominion for a conference regarding the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Government circles know nothing about Mr. Lloyd George's visit, though there is a general understanding that a conference of the Premier of Overseas Dominions is likely to be held sometime in 1930 to discuss the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, but it is considered extremely unlikely that Mr. Lloyd George will be able to attend any such conference this winter.

OBITUARY

LONDON, August 20th.

The death is announced of Colonel John Worthington, C.B., V.C., who served in the Chinese campaign of 1890 in which he won the Victoria Cross at North Taku Fort.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS

(THROUGH AUSTIN'S AGENCY)

CHINESE COAL FOR EUROPE

LONDON, August 20th.

The *Times* states that merchants have offered to deliver 200,000 tons of Chinese coal in Europe, inclusive of price, at 210 a ton.

SURGERY OF THE HEART. WONDERFUL OPERATIONS DESCRIBED

The *Times* medical correspondent in Paris wrote on July 20th:—

The lecture theatre of the School of Medicine was crowded this afternoon in every part by distinguished men of all nations, to hear the discussion on surgery of the heart and great blood-vessels, which was opened by that very distinguished surgeon, Dr. Tuffier, of Paris.

The subject possesses all the thrill of a new branch of healing, and in addition is an appeal to the imagination, which operative measures, hitherto deemed impossible, are bound to exercise. When Professor Tuffier began his lecture there was a sense of excitement which is quite unusual in such assemblies. This was renewed when, by means of his diagram of a section of the heart, he showed that areas in which wounds and injuries always or nearly always are considered mortal are areas in which they afford a chance to the modern surgeon to show his powers.

The heart, as is well known, possesses a number of valves to prevent regurgitation of the blood, and contains also a strand of tissue, the so-called "bundle of His," which transmits the impulse of the beat from one part to another of the organ. These are very dangerous areas. On the other hand, the muscular walls of the organ may be repaired with complete success. Dr. Tuffier had a series of 306 cases of heart injuries. Of these 151 were cured and 149 died. In five cases the results were unknown. This gives a mortality of 49.86 per cent., an achievement which can only be regarded as remarkable.

Reference was also made to the surgery of the heart, this is carried out by making a wound just under the ribs. The hand is then passed in and grasps the organ from below. The heart is exposed and can be seen beating again after it has to all appearance completely stopped.

Dr. Robert of Strasbourg, who followed Dr. Tuffier, declared that wounds of the blood-vessels should be treated as operations. The old method of simply ligaturing an injured vessel was bad and led to poor results. The surgical treatment of the coronary consequences of arterial wounds, he said, is a reparative surgery.

The same note of great courage characterized the address of Professor Alexander of Rome, who recalled the fact that the first case of successful surgical interference in the region of the heart occurred at Rome as far back as 1897, though this was an operation on the chamber in which the heart lies and not on the heart itself. The method of massage was then used as an important adjunct to the surgical work on the heart, the purpose of this means of stimulating the organ should be flag.

AILEYD HIGHWAY ROBBERY

PEPPER USED TO BLIND VICTIMS

At the Magistrate's yesterday a Chinese youth was charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison with being concerned with eleven others, and in custody, in a highway robbery committed upon two Chinese members of the crew of the Dutch motor ship *Groningen*, in Gloucester Road, Yau-mai, at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Inspector Caygill said that the case was one for the Criminal Sessions as pepper had been used to blind the victims, but in view of the fact that the vessel was leaving port to-day, and it was doubtful if it would come to Hongkong again, he would ask the Magistrate to deal with it.

The Magistrate agreed.

Outlining the case, the Inspector said that the complainants were walking along Gloucester Road at 10 p.m. on Saturday on their way to the ship which was in Kowloon Docks when they were suddenly jostled by a crowd of rascals. At the same time, pepper was thrown in their faces. Some of them inserted a hand in the first complainant's pocket and stole £10. The latter, raised an alarm of "Save life!" and the desperadoes ran away. A district watchman, who was attracted to the scene by the cries of complainants, arrested the defendant. When witness examined the complainants at the station, the first man had one of his ears full of pepper, while the other man had a lot of pepper on his coat. The defendant, when he was questioned by witness, said that he was hired by some one to take part in a fight. He did not know that a robbery was going to take place. He took the police all over Yau-mai on Sunday to find the man, but the search proved fruitless.

The complainant, who described himself as the No. 1 Chinese engineer of the *Groningen*, said that he and a friend, an officer on the ship, were walking along Gloucester Road in the direction of the docks at 10 p.m. on Saturday, when they were jostled by over ten men. One man caught him by the front of his coat, while another held him at the back. The man in front snatched a bunch of identification papers from witness's breast pocket, while the other took from his trouser-pocket £30 in small change.

Without those identification papers, said the witness, "I will lose my job. I will not be allowed to land in Java with them."

Asked to proceed with the story of the robbery, the witness said that simultaneously with the snatching of the money and identification papers, a third man threw some pepper in his face. Witness called out "Save life!" and the man who had the money ran away. Witness was prevented from giving chase by the other men of the gang who assaulted him. A Cantonese who was attracted to the scene by witness's cries came up armed with a revolver. As soon as the desperadoes saw this man coming, they ran away in various directions. Being free, witness gave chase to the man who had taken his money and identification papers, but he had not got much start and witness could not catch him. The Cantonese arrested the defendant.

Inspector Caygill mentioned that the Cantonese was a district watchman.

The complainant said that he was sure that the defendant was one of the highwaymen who took a prominent part in the assault on witness and his friend. "Witness saw the defendant's face clearly in front of him before the pepper was thrown in his eyes."

The chief gave corroborative evidence and identified defendant as one of the men who had assaulted him. Witness said he held on to the defendant until the district watchman came on the scene.

After the district watchman had given evidence of arrest, Inspector Caygill called the defendant's sister. In reply to the Inspector, this witness said she had not seen her brother since July 19th.

The Inspector: Did you give him any money on that occasion?

Witness: No.

The Inspector explained to the Magistrate that his reason for calling the woman was because the defendant had told him at the station that the case he was working was about a woman giving him by his sister, the defendant's wife, a part of the money.

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THE ARREST OF MR. G. L. SHAW

BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE ACTION

The following letter has been addressed by the Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai to H.M. Acting Consul-General at that port:—

British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, August 18th, 1930.

Sir:—The Committee of this Chamber desire to enter the strongest possible protest against the arrest of and treatment accorded to Mr. G. L. Shaw, one of its members and the agent in Antung of important British firms who are its members. We have hitherto refrained from expressing our views on this subject in anticipation of its explanation by the Japanese authorities which might show a least arguable grounds for their procedure. The explanation published in Seoul on August 10th, and in Tokyo on August 12th, are, however, wholly inadequate and unsatisfactory and our Committee feel that they would be individually and collectively disloyal both to Mr. Shaw and to British interests throughout the Far East if they failed to protest now.

The alleged explanations issued by the Japanese authorities make no attempt whatever to meet the following questions:—

1.—If they have proof, as alleged, that Mr. Shaw has been assisting Koreans in anti-Japanese plots, why did they not lodge a formal protest with H.M. Representatives?

2.—Why did they allow him to enter Korea without a passport and then arrest him on his way back to Antung?

3.—Why is he kept a prisoner?

Whatever the truth of Mr. Shaw's alleged complicity in Korean plots may be, the action of the Japanese authorities has been high-handed in the extreme. My Committee cannot but feel that many similar examples of overbearing and unjust conduct on the part of Japanese officials towards British subjects in South Manchuria, and in view of these cannot but feel that unless this case is made the subject of the strongest possible representations and receives a full, complete and fair inquiry no British subject doing business in that part of China will be safe from molestation. Indeed, if a British subject resident there can with impunity thus be entangled, arrested and held a prisoner, as alleged, this nature, what is there to prevent British residents in China, alleged to be engaged in anti-Japanese activities, being similarly treated after arrival in Japan?

Accumulating evidence in the possession of my Committee shows that the whole attitude of Japanese officials towards British subjects is obstructive and arrogant and the time has come when Associations of British merchants throughout the Far East must protest against it.

I have the honour to request that you will forward this protest to H.M. Charge d'Affaires in Peking.

I am sending a copy of it to the Press. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. W. BUCKLE, Chairman.

H.M. Acting Consul-General, H.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai.

A TIENTSIN COMMENT

When the details of the case of Mr. G. L. Shaw first reached us from Antung (see the *Peking* and *Tientsin Times*) we pointed out in a brief editorial comment that it appeared to us to be a violation of the Japanese Authorities of the well-established principles of international law that a State cannot punish an offence against its municipal laws committed within the territory of another State, unless by its own citizens. The statement now issued by the Japanese Police at Seoul appears to be fully to bear out that view. There is not a single line in it which can be construed to mean that Mr. Shaw himself committed any offence on Korean soil, and declared his sympathy with the Korean independence movement.

That, of course, is an offence of which numerous persons of all nationalities have been guilty, including "it would seem" certain prominent members of the British Government which thought it last year to address "very strong" representations to Korea regarding the matter. Mr. Shaw, however, had no such representations to make, and he was not a member of the British Government. He was a private citizen, and he was not a member of the British Government.

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CABLE DELAYS

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S EXPLANATION

In the House of Commons on July 15th, Mr. Illingworth (Postmaster-General), replying to Lieut. Colonel Guinness (G.O.U.), said:—

Mr. Illingworth: The greatest delay which had taken place during the last month (June), so far as telegrams to the Continent were concerned, was about 22 hours. This occurred in the traffic to Italy, which had been much congested owing to staff difficulties in that country. The average delay on telegrams to the Continent during the month was about 4½ hours. In the case of traffic forwarded to the Near and Far East, the maximum delay was about 24 hours, the average being about 10½ hours. The North American and the Imperial Cable, the maximum delay was about 10 hours, and the average about 2½ hours.

Lieut. Colonel Guinness asked the right hon. gentleman to explain why it was found quicker to telegraph from London to Paris and New York than direct from London through the Post Office.

Mr. Illingworth replied that he had not had opportunity to check the times. It is not infrequently happened that a wire might be handed in one service where there was at the moment a great deal of traffic, while on the other service there might not be much business in hand.

Lieut. Colonel Guinness: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that he has been misinformed? (Cheers and laughter.) Two telegrams were handed in simultaneously at 12.15. The one via New York beat the direct route by 20 minutes. (Laughter.)

Mr. Illingworth promised to inquire into the matter. Possibly there was not as much traffic on one route as on the other.

Lieut. Colonel Guinness: It is fair to charge the Post Office for an absolutely illusory advantage? (Cheers.)

Mr. Illingworth said it was far more expensive to send via New York. (Laughter.)

CHEMIN DES DAMES FIGHT

IMPROBABLE STORY

Sensational would be the revelations of a man named Alfred Noblecourt, arrested in Paris for murder and theft, if they could be verified, for he makes the statement that he received 2,000,000 francs from the Germans for the sale of a plan of the defence of the Chemin des Dames. According to his statement he was discharged from the army at the instigation of an officer who, he alleges, sent him on a mission to Switzerland where, disguised as a Swiss cattle dealer, returning to his country, he took the defence plan concealed in a grocery bag, sent the chief of the German espionage service at Berlin, and sold them. Noblecourt pretends to have given fifty thousand francs to a German-speaking woman who accompanied him. Meanwhile he says there were suspicions against the officer who had suggested him with the mission, and as a result of prudential measures he decided to conceal the matter with various compromising documents until the end of the war.

The story, smacking of the improbable, now enters on a dramatic phase. The woman who had acted as interpreter in Switzerland was not satisfied with the fifty thousand francs, returned to France, and put a price on her silence. Noblecourt assumed a threatening attitude, and the woman had him put away in an asylum at Clermont in the Orne, from which he was eventually released. He then took the defence plan, attacked an old man on the road, and threw his body in a ditch after robbing him of his money and watch. Arrested at Clermont he was about to stand his trial at the Assizes when he told the extraordinary story, given in great detail in the Press of the sale of the Chemin des Dames defence plan. The question is whether Noblecourt invented the tale in order to delay his trial on the murder charge or whether he perfectly honestly has, however, hidden details of the German espionage service, and is now attempting to corrupt the attention of the military justice, and it is also reported that he has indicated the spot where he says money received from Germany is hidden.

AMERICAN AVIATION

A 4,000-MILE FLIGHT

Four United States army aeroplanes, piloted by army officers, began a 4,000 mile flight from New York to Nome, Alaska, yesterday for the purpose of mapping out a military and postal aerial route across the New York continent to the Arctic Ocean. The flight will be made by easy stages of 800 to 900 miles a day, and photographs will be taken along the entire route. The pilots are flying latest models of De Havilland biplanes, and they expect to obtain photographs of country in Canada and Alaska never before visited by white men. A fleet of the flight will be over Canadian territory, and the United States will present the Dominion with a full set of maps and photographs taken over Canada.

While on these photographs the American authorities will be able to see the route from Alaska to the British States, now occupying thirty days, now has been reduced to three. It is estimated that the War Department also has an interest in establishing the new aerial route, which will be the shortest and most direct route to the Arctic Ocean, and will be of great value in the future.

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FRIEST-KING OF BUNYORO

A HARD-WORKED MONARCH

Mr. John B. Macdonald, leader of the Mackie

Expedition to Uganda, in a letter which has reached England,

shows that the "civilians" of the common

task of a Central African potentate who

is priest and king and father of his people

furnishes all that a monarch, however

of work, ought to do. Mr. Macdonald's

letter is dated May 3rd, says:

"My arrival in Bunyoro was most timely,

we have experienced heavy rain from the

time I reached until the present. I have

had, and still have, some intensely

interesting investigations and

people. During the expedition there has

been no tribe with so rich an information."

The King has for years been surrounded

with elaborate milk ceremonies, and his

seems to have been daily spent in the

of the tribe. From early morning to

the last thing at night he was engaged in

the priestly office. In the early hours he

began by having his great cow brought to

him, and then he went to the house to

cleanse his hands from magic and evil

and to obtain blessing upon country and

people. Next came the ceremony of sancti-

fying the milk, and when this was over

he had to set his magistrates, the example

of settling legal matters with justice.

Having done this he had to go to herd

some cattle and thus blessing upon the

of some sacred meat and thus give his

ing to the food of the country, and he

ends his day by guarding the pipes from

danger until the late hours of the night.

Let me give some details in explanation

of these ceremonies by briefly repeating

some of them. First, the early morning

ceremony when he goes to his bathroom

two yearling bulls, one black the other

red and black, are brought to him. He

takes the black bull by the horns, and

placing his forehead on a white patch on

the bull's forehead he makes the Creator to

remove all the evil of the night from him

and his people, then taking the red and

black bull he says for blessing by placing

his head against that of the bull as

before.

Later comes the ceremony of milking the

sacred cows. When these are milked the

ceremony of drinking the milk comes,

when every person in the royal enclosure

must remain still, and quiet, not even

coughing or clearing the throat on the

pain of death. It is over the trial of

cases, to the time when he has to go to

herd some cows and thus ensure blessing

upon the herds of the land.

In the afternoon, at about 4 o'clock he

has to perform a sacred duty. Before

the day he beats one beat on each

of nine sacred drums, which informs the

people that he is about to eat,

and, of course, all the people

cover, and cover their faces, when

they may be. The special cook comes

purified, carrying a special fork, and his

servant a bowl of meat. The cook kneels

in front of the King, who sits on his throne

while the cook puts a piece of meat

into his mouth, and he is to be careful, for

the fork shows which his teeth because

that would mean death to him. After the

meal is eaten the sacred herd of cows again

comes, and after they are milked the King

drinks milk at the morning.

During the past three months I have been

engaged in investigating these cow customs,

and find the people have the most wonder-

ful knowledge of cows, and feel sure they

would be able to turn this country to profit

able use with encouragement and assistance

from the British. Without any aid or

science they have gained extraordinary in-

sight into disease and the care of cattle.

With a little training they would become

expert cowmen and supply European

markets with meat as well as sending butter

and cheese.

PACIFIC PASSENGER RATES

TWENTY PER CENT. INCREASE.

A Seattle telegram states that the repre-

sentatives of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and

the Osaka Shosen Kaisha have announced

that the trans-Pacific passenger rates would

be increased by 20 per cent. from Sept.

WEATHER REPORT

August 22nd, at 11.47. No return from

Japanese stations.

Pressure has decreased slightly at

Vladivostok, and is now slightly above

where the trough remains stationary.

Forecast for the 24th hour ending at

10 a.m. today 100 fms. Total

depth 1st 70 fms. 2nd 100 fms. 3rd 100 fms.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at

noon to-day is as follows—

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